GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4554
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DEPOSITION OF EXCAVATED MATERIAL IN GOVT. MUSEUM, CHENNAI
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the excavated materials deposited in Chennai Circle office as well as in the Government Museum, Chennai;

(b) whether the excavated materials brought to light from Tamil Nadu by the British archaeologists/officials during the pre-Independence period are still very much in the possession of ASI; and

(c) if so, the details of the disposal of the cultural equipments like pottery, terracotta objects, Iron and copper artifacts, stone objects received from the excavated sites in Tamil Nadu during pre-independence period?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) The excavated materials from Kanchipuram, District Chingelpet, Gingee, District South Arcot, Ukkirankottai, District Tiruvelveli, Darasuram, District Thanjavur, Kaveripattinam, District Thanjavur, Auroville, District South Arcot, T. Kallaupatti, District Madurai, Kambermedu, District Thanjavur, Perur, District Coimbatore, and Mamallapuram,District Chengalpattu M.G.R. are preserved in the Chennai Circle Office of ASI and no excavated material is kept/displayed in the St. Fort George Museum of the ASI at Chennai.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.